

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RECREATION FEE PROGRAM SUMMARY FY11 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NAME OF FEE PROJECT: AZ17 KINGMAN FIELD OFFICE SRPs

STATE: AZ

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DESCRIPTION:

This fee project provides for the issuance and administration of Special Recreation Permits (SRPs) on a discretionary basis to manage use of public lands for recreational commercial and/or competitive activities, and organized groups in northwestern Arizona. Activities conducted with SRP authorization in the Kingman Field Office often cater to non-resident U.S. citizens and international visitors who rely on the expertise of local guides, promoters, and outfitters to help them realize the most satisfaction from their public land visits. Authorizations are given to hunting outfitters, All-Terrain-Vehicle (ATV) tour, motorcycle ride, and poker run promoters. Management activities for the SRP program include collecting fees on a timely basis, assuring that adequate insurance was in place, providing terms and conditions for use, distributing interpretive materials (i.e. Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly!, desert tortoise protection guidelines), collecting post-use data, and conducting compliance checks in the field to confirm compliance of the stipulations of the permit.

FEE SCHEDULE:

The SRP fee schedule for commercial activities is established nationally for all BLM field offices. Fee receipts derived from recreational commercial, competitive, and organized group event SRPs are routinely calculated using national fee schedule guidance found in BLM Recreation Permit Administration Manual H-2930-1, Section III.G., as established by 43 CFR 2930. As of March 2011, the SRP fee schedule is the following:

- Commercial permits are the maximum of \$100 or 3% of the gross revenue.
- Competitive permits are the maximum of \$100, 3% of gross revenue or \$5 per participant/day.
- Organized-group use is \$5 per person per day or \$100, whichever is greater.

SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FY11:

Visitor Services, Interpretation:

No recreation fee revenues were expended in FY11; however, Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! brochures and Kingman Field Office's "Guidelines for Handling Desert Tortoise Encountered on Roads and Vehicle Ways" were given to the permittees to give to their participants.

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR FY12:

The Kingman Field Office Special Recreation Permit program would continue to process applications as needed in FY12. It is anticipated that the number of permits administered would be similar to past years. The very limited amount of fee revenues received from this program precludes undertaking much in the way of major projects.

A limited amount of fee revenues may be spent on staff overtime if needed to monitor a permit. This only happens when a motorized event takes all day to occur.

Fee revenues will be used to purchase brochures and other interpretive materials (i.e. Leave No Trace/Tread Lightly!) to distribute to SRP participants and clients to promote ethical, lawful and responsible behavior on public lands.